

In the claims:

Claims 1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of making a Saxony carpet comprising the steps:

- a. forming an untwisted core strand comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of a natural or synthetic fiber;
- b. forming a wrapper yarn comprising at least one base synthetic fiber material, and a heat activated binder fiber having a melting point at least 20°C lower than the base synthetic fiber;
- c. wrapping the wrapper yarn about the core strand, forming an untwisted wrapped singles yarn;
- d. heat setting the untwisted wrapped singles yarn at a temperature sufficient to melt the heated activated binder material, then subsequently cooling and solidifying said melt, thereby constricting the base synthetic fiber component of the wrapper yarn about the core strand and securing it to the core strand;
- e. incorporating the untwisted heat-treated yarn into a backing material as loops;
- f. cutting the loops to form vertical tufts; and
- g. dyeing dyeing and finishing.

30. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the wrapper yarn is a continuous filament yarn of about 20 to 200 denier.

31. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the wrapper yarn is a continuous filament yarn of about 40 to 80 denier.

32. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the wrapper yarn contains about 5 to 95 weight percent of the heat activated binder fiber.

33. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the wrapper yarn contains about 15 to 85 weight percent of the heat activated binder fiber.

34. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the wrapper yarn contains about 25 to 75 weight percent of the heat activated binder fiber.

35. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the wrapper yarn makes about 2 to 10 wraps per inch about the core strand.

36. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the wrapper yarn makes about 3 to 5 wraps per inch about the core strand.

37. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand is a sliver of about 0.8 to 6 cotton count.

38. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand is a sliver of about 1 to 5 cotton count.

39. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand is a sliver of about 1 to 3 cotton count.

40. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand is a bulked continuous filament yarn of about 900 to 6000 denier.

41. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand is a bulked continuous filament yarn of about 1000 to 5300 denier.

42. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand is a bulked continuous filament yarn of about 1000 to 3000 denier.

43. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand is comprised of at least one member selected from the group consisting of textile fibers of cotton, wool, polyester, polyolefin, and polyamide.

44. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand contains about 0-12 weight percent of a heat activated binder fiber having a melting point at least about 20 degrees C. lower than the textile fiber constituents.

45. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand contains about 0 to 6 weight percent of a heat activated binder fiber having a melting point at least about 20 degrees C. lower than the textile fiber constituents.

46. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand contains about 0 to 3 weight percent of a heat activated binder fiber having a melting point at least about 20 degrees C. lower than the textile fiber constituents.

47. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the core strand contains about 0 to 1 weight percent of a heat activated binder fiber having a melting point at least about 20 degrees C. lower than the textile fiber constituents.

48. (NEW) The method of claim 29 wherein the total content of heat activated binder fiber is 0.05-2.5 weight percent of the total yarn.